

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2020
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

MAYOR ROBBINS ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE LIVES LOST DUE TO COVID-19 AND THOSE WHO ARE AFFECTED BOTH HEALTHWISE AND FINANCIALLY.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK CAPASSO:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND DAY OF APRIL, 2020, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING VIA GOOGLE CONFERENCING, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:33 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:33 pm

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman DiMeo reported all Youth & Recreation activities are cancelled till further notice. Mr. DiMeo stated once the COVID-19 has ended, the Youth and Recreation Committee will meet to discuss future plans.

Council President Oglesby stated there is no movement on the AFSCME contract.

Councilman Lowe asked when could the borough engineer assess the ESC building.

Mayor Robbins stated he will contact Public Works Department Head Dave Winton to coordinate a date to meet with the engineer at the ESC building.

Councilman Davis state he will be reaching out to the CFO, Bill Antonides, to confirm a timeline for the municipal budget extension.

Councilman McCarthy commended all borough emergency services for putting all resources together in response to the COVID-19 outbreak adding they are doing an amazing job complying with all the CDC guidelines and all recommendations put forth by the Mayor to ensure the safety of all our first responders.

Mr. McCarthy also commended the Lakehurst Fire Department for doing an outstanding job responding to a residential fire on Center Street and saving the structures next to the fire. Mr. McCarthy further commended the Lakehurst Police Department for apprehending the person speeding through town on an ATV.

Mr. McCarthy reported the Lakehurst Fire Department took advantage of the Stafford Township free emergency services vehicle decontamination adding they had the fire apparatus down there and had it decontaminated. Mr. McCarthy also reported Berkeley Township will also have a decontamination site and added the First Aid Squad might want to take advantage of this as well.

Mr. McCarthy stated he was unable to attend the Board of Education meeting that was held after the building was closed to students and staff. Mr. McCarthy reported the meeting agenda stated they are continuing to distribute meals on Mondays and Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00 in the cafeteria parking lot and Pre-K and Kindergarten registration has been postponed. Mr. McCarthy also reported they did have a few resignations and a retirement and added the bill payments were in a total of \$352,000.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins also commended the borough's Police Department, Fire Department, and First Aid Squad. Mayor Robbins reported the Fire Department to a great job with the residential fire on Center Street and added Ridgeway Fire Department assisted.

Mayor Robbins stated Police Chief Kline was able to obtain a decontaminated fogger and is able to decontaminate all the borough buildings with the fogger.

Mayor Robbins asked all residents to keep social distancing when it comes to the public work's employees. Mayor Robbins reminded residents to put garbage out the night before and added not to approach the public work's employees on the day of garbage collection, this not only puts the resident at risk but the employee at risk as well.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:43 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:43 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Brian DiMeo

Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:43 pm

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk